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				द्वारा प्रस्तावित स्कीम के लिये 2.25 एमसी एमडी गैस की पुष्टि कर दी जाए ।
2.	पगुधन संयुक्त साइकिल गैस टरबाइन परियोजना (655 मे० वा०) जिला भरुच—मै० गुजरात टोरैंट एनर्जी कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड	7/93	2.25 एमसीएमडी	केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण द्वारा स्कीम को नवंबर, 93 में तकनीकी आर्थिक दृष्टि से स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दी गई हैं । पैट्रोलियम तथा प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय ने गंधार गैस क्षेत्रों से 1.5 एमसीएमडी लिकेज की पुष्टि कर दी हैं । जैसे ही अतिरिक्त गैस उपलब्ध होगी इसकी मात्रा बढ़ाकर 2.25 एमसीएमडी कर दी जाएगी । जब तक की 2.25 एमसीएमडी गैस की आवश्यकता की पूर्ति नहीं की जाती है तब तक के लिए मै० गुजरात टोरैंट एनर्जी कारपोरेशन को नेपथा का उपयोग किए जाने और आयात किए जाने की अनुमति दी गई है ।
महाराष्ट्र				
1.	दभोल संयुक्त साइकिल गैस टरबाईन परियोजना, जिला रत्नागिरी—मै० दभोल पावर कम्पनी	4/93	—	केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण ने कुछ शर्तों के अधीन नवम्बर, 1993 में स्कीम को तकनीकी आर्थिक पहलू से स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दी है । परियोजना के चरण-I (695 मे० वा०) के लिए डिस्टीलेट फ्यूल नं० 2 और जब चरण- 2 (1320 मे० वा०) को चालू कर दिया जाता है तब एल एन जी का समुपयोजन किए जाने की परिकल्पना की गई है । ईंधन सम्बन्धी आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति कतर से आयात करके किए जाने की परिकल्पना की गई हैं ।

World Bank and IFC Cofiditionatties for loans in Power Sector

3827. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of conditions laid down by the World Bank and the International Finance Corporation for granting loans to power projects of the country, particularly in Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(b) whether Government have accepted these conditions;

(c) if so, the details thereof and their likely impact on general electricity tariffs, particularly in agricultural sector;

(d) the details of arrears outstanding against various state electricity boards in the country; and

(e) the measures/steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to ensure their clearance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRJ OF POWER (SHRT P. V.

RANGAYYA NATOU) : (a) and (b) Government of India and Government of Maharashtra have signed a Loan Agreement in July, 1992 with World Bank for the second Maharashtra Power Project of MSEB. The conditions of the Loan Agreement are as under:—

(i) Government of India to open and maintain a special deposit account in Dollars with the Reserve Bank of India.

(ii) Government of India to take all necessary action to ensure adequate coal supplies for the efficient operation of the power plant to be constructed under the project.

(iii) To submit audit report of statement of expenditure within 9 months after the end of each financial year.

Gujarat Electricity Board is one of the beneficiaries of the World Bank Loan sanctioned to Government of India in February, 1992 towards Power Utility Efficiency Improvement Project to be financed through Power Finance Corporation. The conditions laid down by the World Bank include:—

(i) The State Electricity Board should have signed an Operational and Financial Action Plan (OFAP) acceptable to PFC and the World Bank.

(ii) The project should be economically justified, with a rate of return of not less than 12%.

(iii) The project should have all statutory clearances.

(iv) The amount will be on-lent to the State Electricity Boards by the Power Finance Corporation.

(c) There is no direct nexus between the loan and the fixation of electricity tariff.

(d) The details of the arrears outstanding of the Central Power Sector Undertakings, against the various SEBs as on 28th February, 1994 are given in the Annexure. *(See* Appendix 170, Annexure No. 75].

(e) State Governments have been requested to clear the outstanding dues of the Central Power Sector Undertakings from time to time including in the Power Ministers' Conference held on 8th and 9th January, 1993. Action has also been taken to adjust the overdues of Central Power Sector Undertakings from Central Plan Assistance payable to the defaulting States.

Report of the Task Force on Privatisation of Power Sector

3828. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Task Force constituted by Government in August, 1992 for examining the matter pertaining to privatisation of power sector has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the details of its recommendations and what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether there is any proposal to privatise power distribution in the other cities also;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) by when the same is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAEDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Task Force has recommended the introduction of private sector in power generation, transmission and distribution in Delhi, excluding NDMC and Canton ment areas. The Task Force has also re commended that only the secondary trans mission and distribution system should be handed over to private sector and propo sals for this purpose may be invited through competitive bidding, on the basis of specified parameters. Regarding genera tion, it has been recommended that only future generating facilities in Delhi may be entrusted to the Private Sector. Accord ingly, it has been decided to privatise electricity distribution in Delhi.

(c) to (e) Under the Electricity Laws, State Govts, are competent to entrust dis tribution of power to any agency they may